

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE FIRST SHILOH HOUSING CORPORATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Shiloh Housing Corporation for its inspired and visionary role in the successful conversion of the Ellicott Mall Development to an impressive mixed-use neighborhood including patio homes, town houses, apartments and a senior citizens center. Today, we come together in a community celebration to reflect on how far this neighborhood has come, and embrace the bright future ahead.

Over twenty years ago, this area was an eight-tower, crime-ridden housing project in the heart of the City of Buffalo. Today, under the decades-long stewardship of the First Shiloh Baptist Church and its member-led Housing Corporation, this community exemplifies the good work happening to transform our hometown. From disinvestment to investment, from rundown to a return of residents filled with pride and optimism, its metamorphosis is truly remarkable.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to the unique public-private partnership that came together in the early 1990's to harness the power of the federal low-income housing credit program which provided the financial foundation that fueled overdue demolitions, renovated apartments and private residences guided by the spirit of the newly formed First Shiloh Housing Corporation.

The First Shiloh Housing project began laying this foundation in 1992 when the Church, along with Norstar Development and the city of Buffalo, took matters into their own hands through a development strategy that included the residents. Putting people first was the guiding principle of the first president of the First Shiloh Development Corporation, Clemmon H. Hodges, whose name now graces the community center.

With \$40 million of reconstruction completed in 1998, First Shiloh added management and maintenance to its services to assist the rebirth of the neighborhood, now known as Ellicott Town Center.

Today, surrounded by a downtown, water-front and growing medical campus, this neighborhood is attracting increased commercial attention as a once shuttered hospital is now undergoing a \$20 million renovation in close proximity to the Ellicott Town Center.

With a richly deserved sense of accomplishment and confidence in the future, I am honored to join together with the board of directors of First Shiloh Housing Corporation under the leadership of the Reverend Jonathan R. Staples and President Grace Tate for this well-deserved community celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with the residents, families, stakeholders and fellow of-

ficials to offer congratulations and deepest appreciation for the faith and fortitude of First Shiloh Baptist Church. Thank you for allowing me to share this success story as it begins its next chapter.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Chair, yesterday I offered an Amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill that would support environmental infrastructure projects through the Army Corps of Engineers for financially distressed municipalities.

We require, quite rightly, water and sewage treatment plants to maintain federally mandated standards to keep our water supply safe and sustainable. About 72% of the population is served by sewage treatment plants, but 3.8 million of those people are served by facilities providing less than secondary treatment, which is a basic requirement by federal law. Often, the financial burden to meet these requirements falls on state and local governments. This can leave communities experiencing particular financial distress with outdated infrastructure and facing down huge costs to bring them in line with requirements. And this affects all of us, as aging wastewater management systems discharge billions of gallons of untreated sewage into U.S. surface waters each year.

The Army Corps of Engineers can provide invaluable assistance to financially strapped communities through its general construction fund, specifically for wastewater and water improvements.

The amendment I introduced would direct \$44 million through the general construction account to support environmental infrastructure programs for financially distressed municipalities, in the hopes that we can provide some support for some of the most pressing wastewater improvement projects in the country.

This same amount has been included for environmental infrastructure programs in the past, but no funding is included in this year's bill.

Federal assistance has not kept pace with the needs of wastewater treatment systems, despite the fact that authorities agree that

funding needs remain very high: The EPA estimates that the country will need to invest \$390 billion over the next 20 years to replace existing systems and build new ones to meet demand. Furthermore, they estimate that there will be a \$6 billion gap between current spending projections and need, if no changes are made.

These infrastructure projects are extremely important to many communities across the country, including in my own state of Rhode Island. Though I withdrew my amendment, I look forward to working with the chair and ranking member of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee to ensure that these vulnerable communities receive support to ensure that Americans across the country have access to clean, safe water and sewage systems.

CONGRATULATING THE LEHIGHTON BAND FOR 150 SEASONS OF PERFORMANCES

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Lehighon Band of Lehighon, Pennsylvania as the organization celebrates 150 seasons of performances.

Founded in 1864, the Lehighon Band has provided live music to the people of Carbon County and its surrounding communities for over a century. The Lehighon Band is comprised of approximately fifty members of the community with ages ranging from 16 to 80 years old. The group performs multiple concerts a year, including a spring concert to kick off each new season, a concert to celebrate Christmas, and several performances each summer in Weatherly and Lehighon that feature musical programs highlighting pieces from a variety of periods and styles. The Lehighon Band also makes itself available for performances at picnics, reunions, and other community engagements. Through the generosity and support of local professionals, businesses, and individuals with a strong love and appreciation for music and the arts, the band has continued to perform at no cost to the public, selflessly donating their time and talents for the enjoyment of others. I know that I speak on the behalf of the Carbon County community when I say that the Lehighon Band is a source of pride for not the residents, but also for the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, as they celebrate 150 seasons of performances, I would like to thank the Lehighon Band for their musical contributions and wish them many more successful years to come.

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IN RECOGNITION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION DAIRY IN FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union Dairy of Freeport, Illinois, on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

Union Dairy started as a partnership between Albert J. Hill and Conrad F. Kaiser who had been delivering milk to customers across town. They began producing ice cream in 1934. Many of their original flavors were created by their early employees, including Orange Pudding, which is still a favorite today.

Over the past 100 years, Union Dairy has excelled at providing good old fashioned American treats and delights to its loyal customers. They still offer classic ice cream soda, a traditional treat that you don't see every day. Over its history, Union Dairy has produced as much as one hundred thousand gallons of ice cream in a year, and sold as much as six hundred gallons of ice cream per week.

Today, Union Dairy, in addition to their long-established offerings, also prepares standard fare that is anything but. With a focus on local ingredients, they serve hamburgers ground fresh daily from a local family owned butcher shop and Freeport's own Mrs. Mikes potato chips.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to recognize Union Dairy on this notable event, and am glad that places like this exist, helping to bring smiles to faces of people throughout our community.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CHARLES R. "C.R." DAVIS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant General Charles R. "C.R." Davis upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of honorable service to our great Nation in the United States Air Force.

A native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, General Davis' career in the Air Force began in 1979 after receiving his commission through the Air Force Academy. Throughout his decorated career and myriad assignments ranging from flying test aircraft to setting acquisition plans and policy, General Davis' commitment to service never wavered. As a testament to his dedication, General Davis was a distinguished graduate from every school he attended, as well as a First Assignment Instructor Pilot. As all great leaders do, General Davis led from the front by setting the example that others should follow.

In his final assignment as the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, General Davis was responsible for the research and development, test, production, and modernization of all Air Force programs, an annual combined worth of \$40 billion. Other career highlights include Senior

Acquisition Executive for the Air Force, where he was responsible for the award of over 260 major contracts that directly preserved and enhanced over 250 mobility, fighter/attack, bomber, and other weapons systems and Commander, Air Armament Center and the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Weapons, Air Force Material Command at Eglin Air Force Base in my district, where he oversaw the development, acquisition, testing, deployment and sustainment of all air-delivered weapons.

Having flown over 3,400 hours in 53 different types of aircraft, General Davis has either been protecting our Nation's skies in fighter jets or ensuring that our Nation's skies remain protected by testing or procuring our Nation's latest technology. While he has had to make tough decisions to achieve cost savings, he also contributed to the Secretary of Defense's initiative to rebuild the acquisition workforce, resulting in 1,465 new positions. Whether instructor pilot, fighter pilot, test pilot, squadron commander, system program office director, wing commander, program executive officer, or center commander, General Davis always exemplified the Air Force core value of exuding excellence in everything he did.

Mr. Speaker, General Davis leaves a legacy of integrity, selfless service, and an excellence that is unparalleled. He consistently conducted himself in a professional manner, which brought great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force. His exemplary character and years of service has helped shape Air Force acquisitions, while ensuring the tip of the spear is always sharp and that our Nation's Air Force was equipped to remain the greatest in the world. Without question, he concludes a career of which he and his family can be very proud. On behalf of the entire United States Congress, it is a privilege to honor the career and service of Lieutenant General C.R. Davis. My wife Vicki and I congratulate him and wish him, his wife Susan, and their family all the best.

CONGRATULATING MARTHA HERRON ON HER RETIREMENT FROM PPL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Martha Herron on the occasion of her retirement as Regional Director of the PPL Corporation. In her remarkable 47 year career with PPL, Ms. Herron has had a profound impact on both the company, and the greater Hazleton community through her assiduous service and leadership.

Initially unable to afford college, Ms. Herron worked at a textile factory and saved money so that she could enroll in business school, eventually earning a certificate that ultimately helped her get her first job in 1967 as a clerk at PPL, then known as the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. Through hard work and dedication, she rose through the ranks to become the regional affairs director in 1995, a position she has held to this day.

When Ms. Herron began her career, she found a professional environment that was not sympathetic to females with few women avail-

able to serve as mentors. The decision to fill this void lead Ms. Herron to begin her legacy of helping other women develop professionally by providing the needed resources to foster growth and development. She challenged and successfully changed PPL's policy of requiring expecting mothers to resign and then reapply, and also served as a founding member of the PPL Women's Network, a group dedicated to assisting developing women in a competitive work environment in order to reach their highest potential.

As a result of her efforts, Ms. Herron received the Woman of the Year Award by Soptimist International, was named on the list of "Who's Who of American Women," and was recognized as one of Pennsylvania's "50 Best Women in Business." As well as helping women throughout the Hazleton area, Ms. Herron has volunteered countless hours and resources to multiple organizations such as the Community Area New Development Organization (CAN DO), the Greater Hazleton United Way, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and Volunteers of America. In her role with PPL, Ms. Herron has had the opportunity to work with colleagues throughout the 29 counties that PPL served. Through that exposure, she was able to bring back ideas and programs to Hazleton, creating groups such as Leadership Hazleton, an organization modeled after Leadership Wilkes-Barre and dedicated to training volunteers to serve area nonprofits. I can personally attest to Ms. Herron's dedication to bettering Hazleton. During my time as mayor of Hazleton, Ms. Herron was always a willing and helpful resource to my office.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement, I commend Martha Herron for her years of service to PPL and to our community. I know that she looks forward to spending time with her family and friends, including her husband, Terrance, her son and his wife, Terry and Kelly, and her grandsons TJ and Jack. I thank her for all that she has done and continues to do for Northeastern Pennsylvania and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, due to Maryland's Federal Primary Election day being Tuesday, June 24, 2014, I was absent from votes in the House, and instead in my Congressional District in Maryland. I, therefore, missed rollcall votes 341 and 350-354. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Nay" on rollcall No. 341 (H. Res. 636, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act, and H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 350 (Pallone amendment);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 351 (Waxman amendment);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 352 (Welch amendment);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 353 (Motion to recommit H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act); and

"Nay" on rollcall No. 354 (Final passage of H.R. 3301).

SUPPORTING KNOWLEDGE AND INVESTING IN LIFELONG SKILLS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 803, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. I supported this legislation when it first passed the House last March, and I'm proud to stand here today as we vote to send to the President a bipartisan, bicameral agreement that will reform the nation's broken job training system and help put Americans back to work.

This legislation makes the necessary reforms to make our job training programs more efficient and effective. The bill empowers local boards to customize the services they provide to better reflect their region's employment and workforce needs and aligns workforce training and development programs with the needs of the local economy and education level of applicants.

Equally important, H.R. 803 takes important steps to ensure that Americans with disabilities have both the opportunity to develop the skills they need to succeed and have access to competitive and integrated workplaces. Too often, we overlook the fact that Americans with disabilities experience an unemployment rate that is double that of able-bodied Americans. More troubling is the fact that most of these Americans want to work and have the ability to work but don't have the opportunity. This bill starts to change the status quo. But, we can do more to empower all individuals with disabilities to fulfill their potential just like every American.

Finally, I would like to thank Chairman KLINE for his good work on this and all disability issues.

RECOGNIZING NEW TRAVELING EXHIBITION—NATIVE VOICES: NATIVE PEOPLES' CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a new interactive exhibition, Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness. This new exhibition, which examines concepts of health and medicine among contemporary American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, will start to travel on August 26, 2014, throughout the United States and is scheduled to open in Oklahoma, a state with a rich Native American heritage that I have the privilege to represent.

Native Voices, developed by the National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health, explores the connection between wellness, illness, and cultural life through a combination of interviews with Na-

tive people, artwork, objects, and interactive media.

The National Library of Medicine has a history of working with Native communities as part of the library's commitment to make health information resources accessible to people no matter where they live or work. The Native Voices exhibition concept grew out of meetings with Native leaders across the country.

According to the Library's Director, Donald A.B. Lindberg, MD, the exhibition honors the Native tradition of oral history and establishes a unique collection of information that visitors will find both educational and inspirational.

Topics featured in the exhibition include: Native views of land, food, community, earth/nature, and spirituality as they relate to Native health. It also highlights the relationship between traditional healing and Western medicine in Native communities as well as economic and cultural issues that affect the health of Native communities. Other efforts by Native communities to improve health conditions is included as well. The exhibition also touches on the role of Native Americans in military service and healing support for returning Native veterans.

To make the Native Voices exhibition accessible to people even if they cannot visit it when it comes to a nearby community, there is an online version of the exhibition at www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices and a free iPad App available through iTunes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, and 367. If present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote Nos. 362, 363, 364, 366, and 367, and "no" on rollcall vote No. 365.

HONORING RICK LEONARD

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rick Leonard of Winchester, Virginia, who has served as superintendent of Winchester Public Schools since 2009. Mr. Leonard retired from his post at the end of June after 34 years of service to the school system.

After graduating from James Madison University in 1980, Rick began his teaching career when he accepted a job teaching biology at Handley High School. During his time at Handley, he served as a coach, assistant principal and principal of the school.

Mr. Leonard worked his way to superintendent of Winchester Public Schools, assuming this role on July 1, 2009. He held that post until his retirement last month. It's my understanding that he hopes to enjoy some personal time before returning to teach in higher education or run a small business.

I am pleased to submit the following article from The Winchester Star on Mr. Leonard's retirement and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him for many years of distinguished service to our nation's youth.

[From the Winchester Star, June 27, 2014]

RETIRING CITY SCHOOLS LEADER CREDITS MENTORS

(By Rebecca Layne)

WINCHESTER.—During an Army exercise in 1991, Rick Leonard and George Craig discussed their futures while leaning on the hood of a jeep.

A biology teacher in the Winchester Public Schools, Leonard was in the interview process to become the assistant principal at Handley High School.

But could he hold down the new job and remain in the Virginia Army National Guard? Craig, now a coordinator of curriculum and instruction in the city school system, thought his friend could do it.

Leonard, however, chose to focus his sole attention on one task.

"If he was going to be the assistant principal, they were going to get everything he had," Craig said. "He had a very, very promising career in the Army. But he chose schools. He wanted to give the schools all of his time."

Leonard, 56, stuck to his promise, and more than 20 years after that conversation, he will retire at the end of the month as the division's superintendent, a job he held for five years.

Despite the hefty title, Leonard said, he has never left the classroom.

"I'm retiring as a public school teacher," he said. "I'm still an educator. I'm a teacher for other adults who work directly or indirectly with students, parents and the community."

Leonard started his stint in the classroom when he was a senior at Warren County High School and took on the role of night custodian.

From there, he went on to the College of William and Mary and later transferred to James Madison University, where he was team captain and an academic All-American in football.

He graduated in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in biology and became a part-time military officer in the Army National Guard.

Also that year, he was hired as a biology teacher at Handley and through the years has served as a teacher, a coach, an assistant principal and a principal—all in the Winchester Public Schools. He has held his superintendent post since July 1, 2009.

"You can always rely on Rick to give a straightforward, honest, thoughtful answer to whatever you're working on," Craig said. "I don't know if I've ever seen Rick not smiling and not positive and enthusiastic about what we're doing. When he leaves [your desk], you're a better person. It's been a good conversation and you know things will be OK."

Leonard said his biggest accomplishments are the successes of the students and the "highly qualified and compassionate" teachers and staff members who guided the division through a lack of adequate funding, an increase in testing rigor, a more diverse student population and increasing poverty rates—a "perfect storm of challenges."

"We were still able to weather the worst recession since the Great Depression of the '30s with a rich curriculum, high standards and schools meeting state and federal requirements," he said.

Leonard also had a role in getting the new \$20 million John Kerr Elementary School project off the ground (it is scheduled to open in fall 2016), along with improving recruitment strategies to attract teachers; expanding the Career and Technical Education

program; and creating a part-time, temporary workforce of credentialed teachers to support struggling learners through the Response to Intervention program.

He credits former superintendents Glenn Burdick and Dennis Kellison as his mentors along the way.

Despite his employment in the division for 34 years, Leonard doesn't think he's changed. He says he still talks way too fast and veins still pop out on his neck when he believes in something strongly, such as making sure all students have a chance to be successful.

"I still have the same drive and belief in all students," he said.

Craig said his colleague's ability to make thoughtful decisions and to be active and decisive is unchanged, but his perspective has expanded.

"He thinks on almost a global perspective with the schools," he said. "Now he has the vision to be able to see the whole system and the challenges that could come later on."

Lynda Hickey, director of the instruction department, said Leonard always stayed the course in promoting the school's mission and vision of learning for all, challenged the staff members to be the best they could be and made students the heart of every decision.

Leonard's executive assistant Bonnie Stickley has worked with him for five years. She considers him a class act, funny and positive.

"I'm going to miss him," she said. "Not just as a boss, but as a friend."

Leonard said no single reason has spurred him to retire.

"I'm running out of energy," he said. "I want to leave at a time when my heart is still full of what my life's work has been: helping children, helping the next generation."

Leonard said he might eventually like to teach in higher education or help to run a small business in the private sector, but first he will spend a lot of time in waders.

"The first thing I'll do is fish for a while," he said. "And exercise a lot. Then I'll get back in the game. I just haven't decided what game that's going to be yet."

"For me, it's not necessarily retirement. It's more of a sabbatical."

Leonard and his wife Patty have three sons.

HONORING ARAGON, GEORGIA ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CHARTERING

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Aragon. Lying in the Coosa Valley of Northwest Georgia, in Polk County, Aragon was founded in 1899 as a mill site. The city of Aragon is a small, but hard working group of families who are proud of their heritage.

Whether it was named for the Hotel Aragon located on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia, where some of the Mill owners stayed when visiting the area, or whether it was named for the mineral aragonite that was mined nearby, the city of Aragon has been home to many dedicated men and women for over 115 years, even as the town has changed.

In recent years, even in the aftermath of the mill's destruction by fire in 2002, the people of Aragon have committed to remaining a city. It

is with this commitment that they commemorate July 23, 2014, as the 100th anniversary of their city charter being adopted, and then approved by Georgia's 60th Governor, John Slaton.

One hundred years later, Aragon's future shines brightly. This is not a city resting on its laurels after tragedy, but a city ready to meet tomorrow's challenges head on, remaining true to its motto "A Proud Past With A Promising Future".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, due to a death in my family, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 355, "yea."

On rollcall No. 356, "yea."

On rollcall No. 357, "nay."

On rollcall No. 358, "nay."

On rollcall No. 359, "yea."

HONORING JACQUE JOHANNES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Jacque Johannes who is retiring after 27 years as a Department of Defense civilian with the United States Air Force.

She received an Associate of Arts in Education from Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Kansas, in 1975 and her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas in 1977.

That same year, she married Don Johannes and began traveling the world and working for the DoD as the spouse of an active duty Air Force member. For her first jobs she worked as a substitute teacher in the Denver Public Schools system and then as a cashier for the base commissary.

In 1979, she moved with her husband to Hellenikon Athens, Greece and worked as a substitute teacher for the DoD schools and eventually as a clerk for the Hellenikon AFB Child Development Center.

In 1982, she moved again with her spouse to Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota where Jacque worked for the base commissary as a cashier. In 1984, she and her family moved to Little Rock, Arkansas and this is where she found her most rewarding career working with young children.

In 1988, she began teaching preschool for the evening classes at the Little Rock AFB Child Development Center. The next year, she became a full time preschool teacher and taught three and four year olds in the Air Force Preschool. In 1997, she became the first USDA/Resource & Referral for the Family Child Care (FCC) Program.

In 2000, Jacque was hired as the junior FCC Coordinator and during this time helped

to win the provider of the year for 2004. In 2005, she took over the lead coordinator's position and with the help of her fellow Coordinator, Jill Lund, she was able to train and establish the first three National Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accredited FCC providers at Little Rock AFB.

During her years as coordinator, Jacque's program was selected to be a test base for the Mildly Ill Program and the new AF Expanded Child Care Programs.

In 2007, with the hard work and dedication of Jacque, the FCC Program won AETC FCC Program of the Year for the first time since the inception of the child care programs at Little Rock AFB. When the program was under the AETC Majcom, Jacque was asked by AETC staff to mentor new providers.

She would also work closely with fellow coordinators from other bases to gain new ideas or find better ways to improve the FCC program at Little Rock.

Jacque has a love of music and especially enjoys singing. She is a member of Park Hill Christian Church Chancel Choir and also performs solos for special music functions and serves as Chairman of the Trustees for PHCC as well as serving on the Church Cabinet and Church Board. She is also a member of the Arkansas Chorale Society (ACS) where she sings in the Messiah and their spring concerts. During these concerts she has provided various solos. Jacque previously served on the Board of Directors for the ACS and as a judge for the Arkansas Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year in Little Rock.

Jacque sat on the planning committees for the annual Spring Family Fun festivals and the 4th of July celebrations. She along with her providers would have a game/information booth at the Fun Festival each year.

Jacque lives with her husband Don in Cabot, AR. Her children and grandchildren are the lights of her life. Jacque's sons, Josh and wife Jennifer along with their children Holt and Violet reside in Sherwood, and son Chris and wife Leah along with their children Aliden and Ava reside in North Little Rock. Her daughter Amanda and husband SSgt. Kevin Schroeder along with Amanda's daughter Aislinn Grubb are stationed in Geilenkirchen, Germany. Jacque also has a step-grandaughter, Sylvia Schroeder, who resides in Manhattan, KS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Jacque Johannes for her years of dedication and hard work.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,596,427,039,854.56. We've added \$6,969,549,990,941.48 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE DUCHOSSOIS

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of the nationally revered horseman and longtime supporter of equestrian rights, Bruce Duchossois, who passed away at the age of 64. The Chicago native's passion for horses and the sport of riding developed at a young age and was the impetus for much of his life's work.

Mr. Duchossois began riding hunters in the 1960s, and in 1973 rode his hunter, Kim's Song, to an American Horse Show Association Horse of the Year title. Throughout his career, Mr. Duchossois earned many awards for his talents and contributions. Most recently in May, he was inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame and was honored with the Equestrian Aid Foundation Luminary Award.

Mr. Duchossois worked for the betterment of the sport in the U.S. on and off the field. He served as a member of the executive committee, as the chairman of the Development Committee, and as a trustee of the United States Equestrian Team Foundation for 16 years before becoming Vice President of the organization, which helps fund riding competitions. Mr. Duchossois also supported many nonprofit organizations such as Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center. He had donated a horse to the center every year since becoming involved, and even took care of their retired horses at his own barn.

The generosity and compassion of Mr. Duchossois was deeply felt by all who engaged with him, and he has made an unforgettable impact on the equestrian community of the United States. Together with his family and friends, we remember the enthusiastic, animal-loving, and carpe diem spirit of the life of Bruce Duchossois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 I was not present to vote on H.R. 803, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 378, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING MARBLE BREWERY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Marble Brewery on their achievement during the 2014 World Beer Cup awards.

Twice a year the Brewers Association hosts this prestigious event featuring an array of

high-quality beers from across the globe. The 2014 competition was the largest yet, hosting a panel of 219 experts from 31 countries who conducted the blind tasting evaluations and judged 4,754 beers from 1,403 breweries in over 57 countries. Beers were judged in 91 categories ranging from "Coffee Beer" to "Wood- and Barrel-Aged Sour Beer" with the top three beers receiving gold, silver, and bronze medals.

I am honored to know that Albuquerque, New Mexico's very own Marble Brewery received the Gold in the "Kellerbier or Zwickelbier" category, beating out 59 entries from around the world. In 2008, Co-Founders Ted Rice, Jeff Jinnett, and John Gozigian first opened Marble Brewery in downtown Albuquerque, on First Street and Marble Avenue. Their mission then, and still today: to provide bold, hand-crafted ales and lagers to the southwest.

As a small locally owned manufacturing and service business Marble Brewery represents the prosperity of a burgeoning local craft beer industry in New Mexico. In fact, the successes of Marble Brewery can be directly attributed to Livability.com naming Albuquerque, New Mexico the number 1 beer city in the country for their "Top 10 Beer Cities" list. Marble Brewery is a testament to the contributions small businesses make to our country and the idea that with hard work and dedication nothing is unattainable.

Not only is Marble Brewery a thriving business in the heart of downtown Albuquerque, but they are an active and engaged partner in our local community. Marble Brewery supports fundraising efforts for dozens of organizations from the Downtown Growers Market, to the Hispanic Cultural Center, the Healthcare for the Homeless, and the Cancer and Lymphoma Society to name a few.

It was President Lincoln, who once said:

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts, and beer.

To this day lawyers, government officials, business leaders, political icons, artists and students continue to enjoy exquisite beers in Marble's friendly atmosphere. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize Marble Brewery for their accomplishments in the 2014 World Beer Cup competition and commitment to our community at large. I am proud to know that we have a great business located in the First Congressional District of New Mexico.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF WAREHAM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the two hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Town of Wareham.

Wareham was first settled in 1678 by a group of brave men and women who embodied the true American spirit that is still celebrated today. Wareham was officially incorporated in 1739 and became known for its local expertise in shipbuilding and other indus-

tries supporting the shipping trade. The town's beauty was quickly realized as it soon became a place where many came to enjoy its scenic beaches on Buzzard's Bay and other waterways, including Buttermilk Bay.

The people of Wareham were emblematic of the American spirit and resolve during the War of 1812. At that time, Wareham was an enticing target for the British due to its shipbuilding expertise and ironworking abilities. In 1814, when the British warship HMS *Nimrod* was anchored in Buzzard's Bay off the coast of Wareham, the townspeople refused to pay tribute to the British in exchange for the cessation of gunfire from the mighty eighteen-gun ship. However, the residents of Wareham fought courageously and succeeded in repelling the British despite the large amount of damage done to the town.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 275th anniversary of Wareham. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

HONORING BEN CARLSON

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, this coming Sunday, July 13, 2014, family, friends, and admirers—they are legion—of Ben Carlson will gather in Newport Beach, California, to honor the memory of a local hero. Those gathered, many wearing the favored "aloha shirts" and beach wear of his beloved surfing community, will not, however, think of him simply as a local hero. His heroism inspires us universally. Just last Sunday he perished when he jumped out of a lifeguard boat to save a body surfer caught in a rip current. The surfer lived. Ben was overwhelmed by the sort of monster wave he had spent years conquering. His own body, its full measure exhausted, was found three hours later. The beach lifestyle, Mr. Speaker, is often treated in our popular culture as frivolous, superficial, pampered. Many Americans and visitors from abroad do find the Southern California coastline to be a special place for recreation and relaxation, a place to restore their spirits. Ben Carlson confounded that image. He was the classic rugged individualist of American lore and legend. With his high level of schooling in psychology, he could have advanced through more traditional careers in business, education, or whatever field beckoned him. He chose to follow his calling on the beach, where for a decade and a half he protected and saved the lives of countless shoreline visitors, thereby contributing beyond measure to our local bounty. Though his distinct profile was known to those who loved him, he blended perfectly into the beach culture. His livelihood came courtesy of his status as an internationally recognized surfer and his convivial service behind the bar at a popular fish taco restaurant. Ben created his primary identity as one who chose to save lives. In my book, that makes him all we may expect of a true American of whom we all may be proud.

IN HONOR OF HOOSIER HERO,
OFFICER PERRY RENN

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a profound sense of sadness, as I grieve with the City of Indianapolis and the entire law enforcement community over the loss of a true public servant. Today, we remember Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Officer Perry Renn, a fallen Hoosier who dedicated his life to serving others.

Over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, Officer Renn responded to a call where shots had already been fired at the scene. Upon his arrival, he acted without regard to his own life in order to protect those of his fellow officers and innocent bystanders. In doing so, he made the ultimate sacrifice.

As a 20 year veteran of the IMPD, this was not the first time Officer Renn had risked his own life in an effort to protect his fellow Hoosiers. In 2003, he received the department's Medal of Bravery and later received a Letter of Commendation for his valiant effort to save lives after a stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair. Officer Renn's years of heroism, dedication and self-sacrifice have left a lasting legacy on the Indianapolis community.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thoughts and prayers to Officer Renn's wife and family, and pay tribute to his life by maintaining our steadfast support for local law enforcement officers who selflessly serve in our communities.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4923, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act for 2015. Contained in the bill's Committee Report is language that benefits the Inland Northwest Region. Specifically, the "Lower Snake River Project" encourages the Walla Walla District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue working with certain landowners to resolve an ongoing issue regarding the use of Corps lands along the Snake River. I commend Chairman SIMPSON as well as Chairman ROGERS for their work in crafting this legislation in a bipartisan manner.

In recent years, the Corps of Engineers has targeted several cattlemen for trespass and eviction as the result of their decades-old use of Corps lands adjacent to the Snake River. For many of these cattlemen, access to Corps lands is essential for the grazing and pasturing

of their livestock. Without a timely and permanent resolution, the livelihoods of these small businessmen and women remain in jeopardy.

The report language not only encourages the Walla Walla District to continue working with the affected cattlemen but also directs the Corps to maintain the status quo use of these lands as long as good-faith efforts are being made to find a solution. To ensure that Congress remains informed on this issue, the language also directs the Corps to provide both House and Senate Appropriations Committees with an update on the status of the situation, including any actions taken, as well as any legislative authority needed to resolve the dispute.

Mr. Chair, I believe this language does a great deal in helping resolve a serious issue affecting residents in my district and across the entire lower Snake region. I am grateful for its inclusion in the Committee Report and I urge my colleagues to maintain this language in the final appropriations bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 26, 2014, due to a death in my family, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 360, "yea."
On rollcall No. 361, "nay."
On rollcall No. 362, "nay."
On rollcall No. 363, "nay."
On rollcall No. 364, "nay."
On rollcall No. 365, "yea."
On rollcall No. 366, "nay."
On rollcall No. 367, "nay."
On rollcall No. 368, "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on July 10, 2014, I was unavoidably detained attending to representational activities in my congressional district and accompanying the President of the United States to Austin, Texas, and thus unable to return in time for rollcall Votes 379 through 392. I ask the record to reflect that had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 379 I would have voted "no."

(McClintock Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, reducing the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account, the Nuclear Energy account, the Fossil Energy Research and Development account, the Departmental Administration account, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Salaries and Expenses account by \$121.3 million collectively and applying the savings to the Spending Reduction Account)

2. On rollcall No. 380 I would have voted "yes."

(Bonamici Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, increasing the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account by \$9 million and reducing the Departmental Administration account by the same amount)

3. On rollcall No. 381 I would have voted "no."

(Speier Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, reducing the Fossil Energy Research and Development account by \$30.9 million and applying the savings to the Spending Reduction Account)

4. On rollcall No. 382 I would have voted "yes."

(Titus Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, eliminating funding for the Yucca Mountain project at the Department of Energy and applying the \$150 million savings to the Spending Reduction Account)

5. On rollcall No. 383 I would have voted "yes."

(Schiff Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, increasing the Advanced Research Projects Agency by \$20 million and reducing the Departmental Administration account by the same amount)

6. On rollcall No. 384 I would have voted "yes."

(Quigley Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, reducing the Atomic Energy Defense Activities and National Nuclear Security Administration Weapons Activities account by \$7.6 million and applying the savings to the Spending Reduction Account)

7. On rollcall No. 385 I would have voted "no."

(Chabot Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, zeroing out funding for the Denali Commission (a \$10 million cut) and applying that savings to the Spending Reduction Account)

8. On rollcall No. 386 I would have voted "yes."

(Titus Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, striking Section 506 which prohibits funds from being used to close Yucca Mountain)

9. On rollcall No. 387 I would have voted "yes."

(DeLauro Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, prohibiting the awarding of contracts to "inverted" corporations that have changed their residence from the United States to the tax havens of Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, avoiding U.S. corporate taxes)

10. On rollcall No. 388 I would have voted "no."

(King (IA) Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, prohibiting the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the requirements in the Davis-Bacon Act)

11. On rollcall No. 389 I would have voted "no."

(Lankford Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, prohibiting the use of funds to prepare, propose, or promulgate any regulation or guidance that references or relies on the analysis contained in "Technical Support Document:

The Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis—Under Executive Order 12866”)

12. On rollcall No. 390 I would have voted “no.”

(Cassidy Amendment to H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, prohibiting the use of funds by the Department of Energy to apply the report entitled “Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States” in any decision to export Liquefied Natural Gas from the U.S.)

13. On rollcall No. 391 I would have voted “no.”

(Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 5016 and H.R. 4718.)

14. On rollcall No. 392 I would have voted “no.”

(H. Res. 661, Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 5016, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations, 2015; and H.R. 4718, To Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Modify and Make Permanent Bonus Depreciation)

CELEBRATING SAN DIEGO'S 2014
LGBT Pride Festival

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the San Diego community in celebrating the 2014 San Diego LGBT Pride festival and parade.

From that historic night at Stonewall, 45 years ago, to California icon Harvey Milk, to the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and last year's overturning of DOMA and Prop 8—we have experienced uneven but unmistakable progress towards equality for our LGBT family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

In San Diego we have seen momentous contributions from the LGBT community—from The Center, an organization devoted to the care and well-being of the local LGBT community, where I was privileged to serve on the Board of Directors.

To my friend and City Council colleague Toni Atkins, recently elected the first San Diegan and openly lesbian Speaker of the California Assembly, and Todd Gloria who stepped in and stabilized our city in a time of crisis.

To local leaders like Robert Gleason who has been named the 2014 LGBT Pride Month Local Hero. Robert's tireless efforts and ability to build consensus helped create San Diego's LOST Community Leadership Council.

While we've made progress, establishing marriage equality in California and numerous other states across the country—a number that is growing—the fight for full equality is far from over.

Currently, there is no federal law that explicitly protects LGBT individuals from employment discrimination.

I am proud to be a strong and vocal supporter of LGBT civil rights, including a com-

prehensive Employment Non-Discrimination Act, to ensure that LGBT Americans in every state can live their lives openly without the fear of being fired from their jobs for who they are or who they love.

It is time for Congress to do its job and pass this bipartisan legislation. Thankfully there is progress on this front. A few months ago I sent President Obama a letter urging him to bar workplace discrimination by federal contractors.

I am proud that President Obama has decided to do just that and announced executive orders to protect LGBT federal employees and those working for federal contractors from workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

As we work toward full equality, I will continue to be a strong advocate for the rights of the LGBT community as I have been in the past. I hope you will stay engaged and active in this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing San Diego's LGBT community and look forward to celebrating with them during this year's Pride festival.

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I rise to speak on “H.R. 4923, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015,” under final consideration by the House.

I want to thank Chairman SIMPSON and Ranking Member KAPTUR for their stewardship in bringing this legislation to the floor and for their commitment to preserving America's great natural environment and resources so that they can serve and be enjoyed by generations to come.

My service in the House of Representatives has focused on making sure that our nation is secure and prosperous. A central component of national security is the ability of national to remain energy independent and that our international ports continue to move goods into and out of the country safely and efficiently.

I appreciate bipartisan support of two Jackson Lee Amendments the first increased funding for the Office of Minority Economic Impact in the Department of Energy and the second reprograms funds for Department of Energy's departmental administration to increase support for environmental justice program activities.

Unfortunately, the bill contains a number of riders that are problematic:

Obstruction of EPA's ability to clarify and define navigable water and specifying which of our nation's waterways are covered under the Clean Water Act.

Permanently prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from modifying the definition of “fill materials” to include debris and overburden from mining and excavation projects to make them subject to the Clean Water Act.

Allows people to carry firearms on all Corps of Engineering lands.

The bill also faces opposition by the Administration which means if it is passed in its current form it will not become law.

The Administration strongly objects to the funding level of \$1.8 billion provided in the bill for renewable energy, sustainable transportation, and energy efficiency programs, a \$546 million reduction below the FY 2015 Budget request. This reduced funding level will stifle Federal investment in innovative clean energy research and development (R&D) at a time of significant global competition and progress.

The Administration objects to funding reduction in the bill such as the \$40 million reduction from the FY 2015 Budget request that would reduce the number of grants to academic investigators and funding for staff at DOE laboratories working on fundamental discovery science and research that underpins advances in clean energy.

Further, this reduction would also affect access to world class facilities used by researchers from all sectors to conduct R&D. The bill funds the international fusion project ITER, at a level \$75 million above the FY 2015 Budget request. In light of schedule delays and management reforms underway, the Administration is concerned that the U.S. contributions would outpace the readiness of the project.

The bill provides the Corps of Engineers' bill \$5.5 billion for works program, nearly \$1 billion above the FY 2015 Budget request. The FY 2015 Budget focuses on investments that would yield high economic and environmental returns or address a significant risk to public safety. The Administration encourages the Congress to fund the civil works program at the requested level. The funding increase for the civil works program is provided primarily by decreases in other core priorities, including clean energy. The Administration also urges the Congress to permit the Corps to commence new starts in FY 2015.

The Administration strongly objects to sections 105 and 106 of the bill, which would prevent the use of funds to address deficiencies and regulatory uncertainties related to CWA regulations designed to protect important aquatic resources while supporting economic development. Section 106 in particular would impact an important, ongoing Administration effort to provide regulatory clarity on which water bodies are covered by the CWA, which has been the subject of two Supreme Court cases in which the Court indicated the need for greater clarity regarding the statute's scope.

With less than 50 legislative days remaining, I ask that we carefully manage our time and energy to make sure that the bills we passed meet our obligations to the American public and can eventually become law.